

While we agree with the *Examiner* that the Protestant Bible should not be made a text book in our common schools, we can assure him that its removal will not satisfy the Catholics, nor prevent them from insisting on having separate schools when deemed necessary. There is no analogy whatever between Ireland and Upper Canada, as regards common school education. In several counties in Ireland there is not one Protestant to every five hundred Catholics, and where such is the case, the schools are under the immediate supervision of the Catholic Clergy, and are taught by Catholic teachers. Even in the north of Ireland, the Catholic and Protestant population are about equal, hence no undue "sectarian" influence can be exercised over the schools. But in Upper Canada the Protestants form a large majority in every county except one or two; Protestant teachers are always preferred to Catholic, even when the latter are better educated, and hold higher certificates of qualification; in applying for teachers to the head Teacher of the Normal School, we understand that instructions almost invariably accompany the applications to send no "Romanist," and we were frequently told by Catholic teachers that they had been refused employment solely on account of their religion. While this violent feeling against Catholics and their religion exists, it would be madness for them to hand over their children to be educated by, in many instances, ignorant, and conse-

Trusting in God, and in the Irish, that it shall rear high its head, and become a monument to our people, a handmaid to religion, a blessing to humanity, I remain, Sir, Yours very truly,

I rejoice to hear, that there is now every prospect that the Catholic Clergy shall soon be released from their most irksome attendance at the French Canadian Missionary Society Hospital. It is now positively stated that a speedy separation is to take place; and I am sure that the *Romanist* party can also support a hospital for their own sick. It would be strange if they could not. With respect to the Protestant bibles, tracts, and such like evangelical trumpery, as were forced upon the Catholics in the so-called *General Hospital*, I say, and maintain, that such conduct was as insolent as it was inhuman—for no Catholic would admit the mutilated spurious thing called the Protestant bible, with its ten thousand errors, to be the Word of God. It may be the word of the peevish king, and of those pure men—the agents of the

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